

Regulations Competition Law Master Thesis award of Stichting Ontwikkelingen

Mededingingsrecht 2026

1. The jury will evaluate only Master's theses completed and assessed between September 1st 2025 and September 1st 2026 and written by authors who were registered as a student at a Dutch University at that time.
2. The goal of the award is to enhance research in the area of legal, economic and policy developments in the area of European and Dutch competition law. As such, the subject matter must be related to European and/or Dutch Competition Law.
2. Participants are presumed to be familiar with and agree to these regulations.
3. A minimum mark of 8.0 must have been awarded for the thesis submitted (on a scale from one to ten).
4. The thesis must be submitted in its original and graded form.
5. Submissions will be evaluated by a jury. In case there are a great number of submissions a pre-selection will be made on the basis of the summary (see clause 8).
6. All submissions must be received by **September 3rd 2026 at 5PM** the latest, complete with the required appendix, by e-mail (congresmededingingsrecht@outlook.com). Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Those who submit nominations will receive a confirmation of receipt.
7. Submissions must include the following details which must be filled out in a **standard form**:
 - Name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and date of birth of the author;
 - Name of the University, Master's programme, (planned) graduation date, title of the thesis and the grade, and;
 - Names and titles, telephone numbers, and email addresses of the thesis supervisor.
8. The submission must include the following appendices:
 - A summary of the thesis of max. 2 A4 pages, written by the student, either in Dutch or in English, and;
 - A curriculum vitae for the nominated candidate of max. 2 A4.
9. The nomination must be written in Dutch or in English.
10. The jury will be appointed by the board of the Stichting Ontwikkelingen Mededingingsrecht.
11. The jury may deviate from the above if a substantiated request is submitted to that effect.
12. The jury will assess the nominations on the basis of common academic standards, but explicitly adds 'societal relevance' and 'innovativeness' to these criteria.
13. The winner will receive an award consisting of €1,000, the first runner up €750 and the second runner up €500.
14. There will be no correspondence regarding the jury's decision.
15. The result will be announced at the yearly 'Mededingingscongres' (Congress of Antitrust) on October 8th 2026 in Amsterdam. The candidates will be informed in advance of candidacy. The results will be published on the website of the Congress (www.mededingingscongres.nl)
16. All cases not provided for by these regulations will be decided by the chair(wo)man of the jury.